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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the June Sweet Cherry Survey. Sweet cherry production is reported for Idaho, selected states, and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at [nass-id@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-id@nass.usda.gov) or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews  
Director

### **Idaho Sweet Cherry Production Forecasted at 4,000 Tons**

Idaho is expecting a sweet cherry crop of 4,000 tons in 2012, up 43 percent from last year and up 111 percent from 2010. Idaho growers reported favorable growing conditions for their crop.

United States sweet cherry production is forecast at 382,150 tons, up 11 percent from 2011. Washington growers reported excellent weather this year. Winter conditions were moderate and warm spring conditions allowed for an excellent bloom and resulted in good pollination levels. California growers reported a good growing season, with little adverse weather during the critical bloom and developmental periods. In

Michigan, record high temperatures early in the spring caused a premature development of trees. This was followed by below normal temperatures and continual frost events later in the season, leading to a significantly smaller crop than normal. New York growers reported that warm temperatures in March followed by freezing temperatures in April drastically reduced their production potential. Most Oregon growers reported a very good bloom and good pollination levels. The Utah crop is rebounding from last year's frost damaged season.

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**Sweet Cherries: Total Production by State and United States,  
2010 – 2011 and Forecasted 2012**

State	2010	2011	2012
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
California	97,000	75,000	85,000
Idaho	1,900	2,800	4,000
Michigan	15,100	18,600	3,300
Montana 1	2,470	2,015	
New York	1,000	700	250
Oregon	38,150	43,200	53,000
Utah	1,100	800	1,600
Washington	156,000	200,000	235,000
United States	312,720	343,115	382,150

1 The first estimate for 2012 sweet cherries in MT will be published in the January 2013 *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2012 Preliminary Summary*.

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